REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for her through Examination of the case. The undersigned also thanks the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview and her helpful comments. As we discussed during the telephonic interview, the Applicant has corrected a typographical error in the specification to make clear that the present application is a continuation of the U.S. Patent Application No. 09/852,402 (now U.S. Patent No., 6,751,790), filed May 9, 2001, entitled "FRAMEWORKS FOR EFFICIENT REPRESENTATION OF STRING OBJECTS IN JAVA PROGRAMMING ENVIRONMENTS." Again, the undersigned apologizes for this oversight. In addition, other minor typographical errors have been corrected in the claims and a substitute Abstract has been submitted herein for the Examiner's Approval. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-10 and 17-19 based on the U.S. Patent No., 6,751,790.

In the office Action, The Examiner has allowed claims 11-16. It should be noted that new claims 20 and 21 recite similar features as those recited in claims 5 and 11. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Applicants also hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SUN1P846). Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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